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In response to the Office Action, Applicants have canceled, without prejudice and while reserving the right to file any continuation, divisional or continuation-in part application, claims 10-21, which are drawn to non-elected inventions and were withdrawn from further consideration by the Response To Restriction Requirement filed on December 7, 2004. Claims 1-9 stand allowed.

This response being fully responsive to the Office Action, Applicants submit that the application is now in condition for immediate allowance and respectfully request the Examiner to forthwith issue a Notice of Allowability for the pending claims. This response is being timely filed and does not result in more independent or total claims than paid for previously. Accordingly, no fee for excess claims is due. The Examiner is hereby authorized to charge any other fee due in connection with the filing of this response to Deposit Account No. 19-2167. If an extension of time not already accounted for is required with this response, Applicants hereby petition for such extension of time and the Examiner is likewise authorized to charge the petition fee to Deposit Account No. 19-2167.

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